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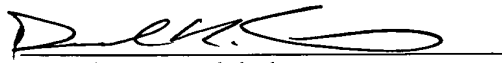
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 1, 2005, please find enclosed a revised version of the amendment filed February 4, 2005 including all claims and their status. In view of this, the instant application should be in a condition for examination on the merits.

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In response to the Official Action dated November 4, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows.